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Letter dated 7 September 2016 from the Permanent Representatives of Senegal and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In Juba on 4 September 2016, during the Security Council's visit to South Sudan, the members of the Council and the Transitional Government of National Unity of South Sudan agreed on a joint communiqué (see annex).

We would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Joint communiqué by the Transitional Government of National Unity of South Sudan and the members of the Security Council

The Transitional Government of National Unity of South Sudan expressed its determination to implement the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan, in particular the reform agenda, now that the Transitional National Legislative Assembly is in place.

The members of the Security Council and the Transitional Government of National Unity agreed to work in a fresh spirit of cooperation to advance the interests of the South Sudanese people, particularly their aspirations for justice, liberty and prosperity. They agree that the humanitarian and security needs of the people are paramount.

To improve the security situation, the Transitional Government of National Unity gave its consent to the deployment, as part of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), of the Regional Protection Force recently authorized by Security Council resolution 2304 (2016). Members of the Security Council agreed that troop contributors and UNMISS and the Transitional Government of National Unity will continue to work through the modalities of the deployment, building upon the consultations of 25 August and 1 September and anticipating further imminent discussions.

The Transitional Government of National Unity commits to permit free movement of UNMISS in conformity with its mandate, including to protect civilians. To this end, the Transitional Government of National Unity commits to devising a plan with UNMISS by the end of September 2016 on concrete steps to remove impediments to the ability of UNMISS to implement its mandate, including reviewing procedures related to movement of UNMISS and streamlining bureaucratic processes. UNMISS commits to inform the Transitional Government of National Unity of all movements and of other details as appropriate.

The Transitional Government of National Unity signals its readiness to implement chapter V of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan, including to work with the African Union in setting up the Hybrid Court for South Sudan as soon as the African Union provides proposals for its work as provided in the Agreement.

The Transitional Government of National Unity commits to immediately improve humanitarian access, including by providing assistance in eliminating illegal checkpoints and by reviewing by the end of September 2016, with the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator, modalities for streamlining bureaucratic processes and access to populations in need.